

## **GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY**

270 Hartford Road  
Salem, CT 06240

### **Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2012 Bozrah Senior Center**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

#### **Attendees**

Bozrah: Jim McArdle, Chair; Henry Granger, Co-Chair; Scott Soderberg  
Montville: Ed Socha, Jr., Bill Wrobel, Kate Johnson, Secretary  
Salem: Bob Neddo, Russ Smith, Treasurer

Absent: Lou Allen

A quorum was noted.

Guests in attendance: 6

#### **Election of Officers**

**Chair:** **Russ Smith** was nominated by Jim McArdle; seconded by Bill Wrobel. There were no other nominations. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

**Co-Chair:** **Henry Granger** was nominated by Jim McArdle; seconded by Ed Socha. There were no other nominations. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

**Treasurer:** **Scott Soderberg** was nominated by Jim McArdle; seconded by Ed Socha. There were no other nominations. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

**Secretary:** **Kate Johnson** was nominated by Henry Granger; seconded by Jim McArdle. There were no other nominations. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

The secretary cast one vote to accept the ballot of officers.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the November 10, 2011 meeting were presented. Jim McArdle made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Henry Granger. The motion was unanimously accepted.

#### **Correspondence & Communication**

- Eastern Connecticut Conservation District 2011-12 Winter Newsletter
- Eastern Connecticut Conservation District Appeal Letter
- CT DEEP Pollution Prevention Newsletter
- Proposal from Ecosystem Consulting Service, Inc. – Client Based Water Quality Monitoring Program
- Green Lawn Handouts

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The following reports were presented for approval:

- 1) Oct. 16, 2011 – Nov. 15, 2011 Treasurer's Report;
- 2) Nov. 16, 2011 – Dec. 15, 2011 Treasurer's Report;
- 3) Dec. 16, 2011 – Jan. 15, 2012 Treasurer's Report;
- 4) Jan. 16, 2012 – Feb. 15, 2012 Treasurer's Report;

Jim McArdle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented; seconded by Ed Socha. The motion passed unanimously.

## Committee Business

- A) **Law Enforcement Patrol:** Bill Wrobel reported that Gregg Jacobson will be meeting with his committee to plan for the upcoming season. Bill will request a proposal for 2012 patrol for the April meeting. Patrolling will run from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. There was discussion regarding communications with CT DEEP for their anticipated involvement, and the benefits of the State and Montville Patrol establishing contact for better coverage and to avoid overlapping of patrols.
- B) **Boating:** Bob Neddo will contact DEEP to confirm that the State will be offering the program this season. The Gardner Lake Fire Department would be able to host two courses this year. There was discussion about who would be able to take registration phone calls. Bob will try to gather more information to bring to the next meeting.
- C) **Water Quality Sampling:** Ecosystem's *Client Based Water Quality Monitoring Program* proposal was presented for review. In 2011, Scott Soderberg took storm runoff samples from brooks leading into the lake and submitted them for testing. Russ Smith will contact Dr. Kortmann for last year's test results and final report. GLA will be researching various resources for cost effective options for water quality sampling – and establishing a cooperative program to compile test results from campgrounds, DEEP, citizen monitoring and our annual results from Ecosystems.

## Old Business

- **Communication with Public:** As a proactive measure, Russ Smith will prepare a concept plan for discussion for public mailing, including use of a website.

## New Business

- **Drawdown:** Bob Neddo reported that the dam was closed on Monday, March 6. The drawdown averaged about 3½ feet this winter.
- **Meeting Location:** By consensus, it was agreed that it is good to continue rotating the meetings between all three towns.

## Public Comment

- **Salem's 10 Year Plan of Conservation:** Paul Robillard of Salem spoke regarding the Salem Planning & Zoning Commission's project to develop a 10-Year Conservation Plan. There was discussion concerning GLA's involvement. It was noted that we are not a regulatory organization. Land issues impacting the water would need to be addressed by Planning and Zoning and/or the Inland Wetlands Commission.
- **Friends of Gardner Lake:** Sue Coffee, Coordinator of *Friends of Gardner Lake* (FGL), informed GLA that DEEP would be moving the porta-potty at the boat launch to a central location. In order to keep chief town officials more aware of GLA's work, it was agreed that meeting minutes and agendas would be emailed to them. FGL will assess what their goals for the upcoming season will be and will create a task list to accomplish those goals.

## Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the Montville Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

## Adjournment

Bill Wrobel made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.; seconded by Ed Socha. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,  
Secretary